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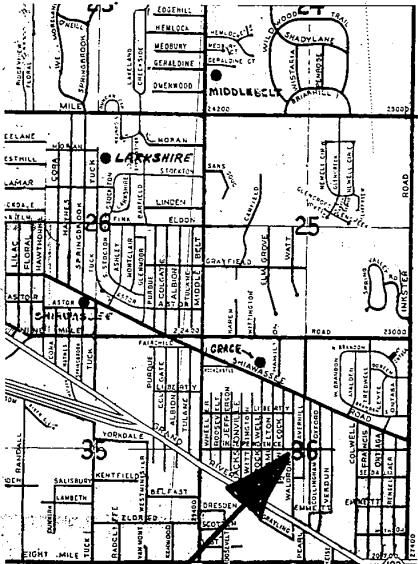
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Plans are being developed to improve Hills Waldron Park site this summer

FARMINGTON HILLS—The first Waldron Park site in Farmington Hills is to be built this summer.



PARK SITE

Site of three-acre park for Farmington

The three acre park, tentatively known as Waldron Park, will be located at Waldron Road, north of Grand River Avenue.

Farmington Hills city clerk Floyd Cairns said he would be meeting with the city manager and an architect this week to discuss the design of the park.

Cairns said he was not yet certain what equipment or recreational facilities the park would contain.

"WE'LL MAKE a park out of it (the land) and whatever a park will have, we'll have," Cairns explained.

Under a federal program, the government will pay for 80 percent of the purchase and construction cost of the park and the city must pay the other 20 percent, he said.

Based on this program, Farmington Hills must pay about \$23,000 and the federal government about \$100,000.

Once the architectural design is finished, Cairns said, the city will let bids for construction contracts.

Construction should begin later this year.

A house on the property was recently torn down, he noted, in anticipation of the construction.

The city has been negotiating for some time to acquire the property for a park, but was not successful until late last year, Cairns said.

The park has been in the developmental stage since early in 1972.

At that time, plans called for a large skating area, a children's play area, a picnic area and tennis, volleyball, badminton, basketball and shuffleboard courts.

The overall park was to have been five acres in size.

A spokesman for the township parks and recreation citizens advisory committee at that time was hopeful that construction would start on the park later that year. The park was to have been available later that year.

But the township ran into problems with land acquisition and the plans never left the drawing board.



PRACTICING GOLF

Carey Nail and Wally Korzeja are two local residents using the site already. (Evert photo)

Moving a mailbox is tough

By CARL STODDARD

Mrs. Marie Wilke does not want to cross 10 Mile Rd. to get to her mailbox. Likewise, the post office doesn't want to move the mailbox.

For more than a year now, Mrs. Wilke, 77, of 27452 10 Mile Rd., has stubbornly carried on her fight to get the post office to switch sides. Ironically, she has largely relied upon the mail service to carry her letters of protest.

"I contacted the post office here first," Mrs. Wilke explained. "They said they didn't have anything to do with it."

They told her to write to the postal authorities in Washington D.C. She did, but the people in

Washington referred her back to the local postmaster.

She said she talked to the Farmington postmaster but didn't get anywhere.

"He gave me a lot of excuses. I said 'In other words, you're not going to do anything about it,' and he said 'You're right.'"

SO THE DETERMINED Mrs. Wilke got a petition signed by the people living on her side of the road.

There are 17 families living on the north side along with Mrs. Wilke and 11 families living on the south side of the street.

She also wrote to U.S. Sen. Robert Griffin, U.S. Rep. Martha Griffiths and representatives in Lansing.

"All they would do was write to the Postmaster in Washington and they would write to the Postmaster here and he would send it back and they would send it to me, and I already had it," she said, adding:

"I'm a little weary of the whole thing and I hope something can be done on our behalf."

MAURICE DEVER, supervisor of the mails in Farmington, said that in the majority of cases the mailboxes are only on one side of the road.

"We can't change traditional patterns," Dever said. "The cost all over the country would be phenomenal."

He said the postmaster, who is currently home recovering from an illness and could not be contacted, discussed the situation with Mrs. Wilke.

"The Postmaster went through the whole thing with her," Dever said. "I think he made a very thorough study."

"If we can change the rule, we will," he added. But he held out little hope anything would happen.



BULL'S EYE

Friar Tuck (Rickey Steffe) draws a bead during a Gilt School third grade presentation of Robin Hood. Tony Scobassi, as Robin Hood, is apprehensive about his skill (Evert photo)

Free movie series starts

The "Second Saturday" series program at the Farmington Public Library, 32237 12 Mile, is Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. Featured will be two films: "Mysteries of the Deep," and "Animals Unlimited." No prior registration is necessary and admission is free of charge.

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ACROSS THE ROAD?

Mrs. Marie Wilke has mailed many letters out about her mailbox. (photo by Evert)